



Charting the Course to 2025: The County of York Comprehensive Plan Review Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

Meeting Notice

York County Environmental & Development Services Building
105 Service Drive, Yorktown
Monday, March 28, 2005
6:00 PM

Agenda

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Hazard Mitigation Goals and Objectives**

The Peninsula Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee has developed a series of regional goals and objectives for inclusion in the All Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, which will ultimately be incorporated into the *Comprehensive Plan*. These are *regional* goals and objectives that will guide the development of specific implementation strategies for each of the five localities participating in this project. A representative from Amec, the consultant firm facilitating the planning process, will be present to speak about this process.

- 3. Other**
- 4. Adjourn**

Attachments

- Peninsula Hazard Mitigation Plan Goals and Objectives (Draft)



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Members Present: Ken Bowman, Jack Christie, Jack Davis, Carole Ferro, A. T. Hamilton, Carl Loveland, Al Ptasznik

Staff Present: Tim Cross, Amy Parker, Earl Anderson, Judi Riutort

Others Present: Chris Stone (AMEC)

Vice Chairman Ptasznik called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Ms. Parker introduced Chris Stone of AMEC, the consultant firm that is facilitating the development of a natural hazards mitigation plan for York County, Hampton, James City County, Newport News, and Williamsburg. Mr. Stone gave a PowerPoint presentation on the regional mitigation planning process. He explained that the Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 requires localities to adopt a hazard mitigation plan in order to continue to receive pre-disaster hazard mitigation funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Mr. Stone stated that the localities formed a Regional Mitigation Planning Committee to manage the process. This committee has reviewed the draft Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis prepared by the consultant and conducted some goal-setting sessions. Mr. Stone outlined the goals, objectives, and strategies that were identified by the Planning Committee, copies of which were sent to the Steering Committee in advance of the meeting.

Mr. Davis opined that an additional strategy the County should pursue is to provide financial incentives for private businesses to purchase emergency generators so that citizens can have access to goods and services – particularly prescription drugs – they would need in the aftermath of a major storm or other natural disaster that disrupts electric service. Ms. Riutort spoke about the County's plans for equipping critical facilities – such as fire stations and emergency shelters – with adequate emergency generator power.

In response to a question from Mr. Ptasznik, Ms. Riutort explained that the plan addresses natural hazards only as required by the DMA but that there are rumors that the Act will be expanded to include manmade hazards as well.

Mr. Christie asked why Poquoson is not participating in this project. Ms. Riutort responded that in the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel, the Poquoson City Council was eager to move ahead with its mitigation plan and allocated \$50,000 to have its own plan prepared. Mr. Stone added that AMEC was the consultant for that plan as well, so there should be no inconsistencies between the Poquoson and Peninsula plans.

Mr. Bowman asked about the County's representation on the Regional Mitigation Planning Committee. Mr. Stone, Mr. Cross, and Ms. Riutort responded that the committee includes representatives from the Department of Fire and Life Safety, Planning Division, Department of Envi-

ronmental and Development Services, Real Estate Assessment Office, Computer Support Services Division, and Building Regulation Division. Mr. Cross added that while the goals and objectives apply to the entire region, the *local* strategies for each locality were developed and prioritized by that locality's committee.

In response to a question as to whether or not the Board of Supervisors would be expected to adopt the hazard mitigation plan separate from the *Comprehensive Plan*, Mr. Cross answered in the affirmative, explaining that the hazard mitigation plan would be a stand-alone document that will be incorporated, in an abbreviated form, as an element of the *Comprehensive Plan*. Mr. Ptasznik asked if the regional hazard mitigation plan process could delay the *Comprehensive Plan* review process. Mr. Cross responded that the consultant's contract calls for all the localities to adopt the plan in September/October 2005, which coincides with the targeted adoption date for the *Comprehensive Plan* (September 20, 2005).

Vice Chairman Ptasznik thanked Mr. Stone for his presentation. Mr. Cross stated that the Steering Committee would probably need to have three meetings in April in order to keep the project on schedule. He passed out a calendar showing open dates in April and asked the members to send him an email indicating their preferred meeting dates.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 PM.

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